Executive Ed.D.
in Educational Leadership

Fact Sheet

A Carnegie-influenced executive doctoral program, preparing skilled scholar practitioners to lead organizations in solving complex problems of practice

Program Highlights:
- Three-year program
- Concentrations: P-12 Leadership, Community College Leadership
- Cohort model
- Rigorous, integrated, scaffolded curriculum
- Signature pedagogies: problem-based learning, embedded fieldwork
- Hybrid course delivery (one weekend per month and online work)
- Summer Studio collaboration with EdD students and faculty at ECU and High Point University
- Benchmark assessments
- Developmental inquiry strand, culminating in a disquisition on a field-based problem
- Engagement of practitioners as partners in course delivery and research

Course Requirements
- Total credits required: 52
- Number of credits that must be taken at WCU: 43
- 2 core courses (1 leadership, 1 inquiry) each semester for 6 semesters, including summers (34 credits)
- 9 credits of disquisition research each of the last 6 semesters
- 9 credits of electives, selected to support the student’s area of concentration

Admissions Requirements
Note: Cohorts are limited in number, making this a competitive admissions process.
- Application letter
- Resume highlighting leadership experience
- Official scores from Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
- Official transcripts for all graduate work, documenting a GPA of 3.5
- Names and emails of three references who will be asked to complete an online recommendation (It is suggested that you submit 4 names)
- Interview and writing exercise for those meeting criteria at the highest levels
- A principal’s license must be completed prior to admission, if you are interested in earning a Superintendent’s license.

Submission application deadline to Grad School via Apply Yourself (admit 1 cohort/year-Summer): Jan. 15

Tuition Information: Check online at http://tuition.wcu.edu
Additional fees may be assessed.

Accreditations and Affiliations
- NCATE (National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education
- Authorized superintendent licensure program from NCDPI

Biltmore Park in Asheville Information:
Directions to Biltmore Park - http://www.biltmorepark.com/area-directions
Directions to parking garage behind the building - http://www.wcu.edu/WebFiles/PDFs/WCU_Biltmore_Parking.pdf

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